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SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Is it true that as soon as the announcement was made by the Government that they were going to procure two lakh tons of rice in the open market, a tendency developed among the millers and others to corner the stocks so that Government might not get the two lakh tons proposed to be procured by them?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : That is not the information that I have received. On the other hand, the millers and wholesalers pointed out that they did not have any stock at all because paddy and rice were not sold to them.

Testing of foodgrains

* 39 *Q*.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state the arrangements made for testing foodgrains imported into this State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : This Government are not importing any foodgrains into this State from outside on Government account. Only the Government of India are importing foodgrains from abroad and they have issued necessary standing instructions to their officers for inspection of the grains.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Is it not possible to get the grains tested before they enter our State even though they come from the Centre?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I may tell the hon. Member that so far as this State is concerned, we do not import any grains—even paddy and rice.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Are we not getting foreign wheat into our State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Yes, foreign wheat imported into India is allotted to this State and that is sold by merchants and in the fair price shops.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Cannot any arrangement be made by this Government to see that this wheat is not contaminated or adulterated?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : All normal precautions are being taken. But still if the hon. Member has any specific point to make and if he has any feeling that impure wheat is being imported and distributed, he can bring that to my notice and I will look into the matter.

VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN : நெல்லும் கல்லும் கலந்து விற்பதில் நம்முடைய நாட்டார் பேர் போனவர்கள் என்ற கெட்ட பெயர் இருக்கிறது. அதைப் போக்க அரசாங்கம் நடவடிக்கை எடுக்குமா ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : அந்தமாதிரிப் பெயர் இருக்கிறதா இல்லையா என்பது ஒருபுறமிருக்க, அந்தமாதிரிப் பெயர் அதிகப்பட இந்தமாதிரிக் கேள்விகள் பயன்படுகின்றன,